

First Generation

1. Property: Patent for 100 acres on Black Thorn in Pendleton County, VA in 1761.¹ Location: in Strait Creek area, Pendleton County, VA in 1797–1799.² Illness: weak in body in Jan 1824.³ **James TRIMBLE**^{3–6} signed a will on 21 Jan 1824 in Pendleton County, VA.³ He died in 1824; in Strait Creek area, Pendleton County, VA.^{7–8} He was buried in 1824 in Pendleton County, VA.⁸ James was born in Scotland.^{8–10} Military: Served in Revolutionary War under Cornwallis and was captured at Yorktown.⁸ Occupation: Farmer .⁸ Property: Seized a large and choice portion of Crabbottom and sold for a tidy sum.^{1,11} Location: Came to America from Scotland at age 16; fellow passenger with Lord Cornwallis .^{8,12}

James TRIMBLE and Susanna SHINNEBERGER were married on 9 Mar 1784.^{7–8} **Susanna SHINNEBERGER**^{5,7,10} was born (date unknown).

James TRIMBLE and Susanna SHINNEBERGER had the following children:

- 2 i. **William TRIMBLE**⁷ was born (date unknown).
- 3 ii. **Margaret TRIMBLE**^{3,7} was born (date unknown).
- +4 iii. **Nancy TRIMBLE**, born 14 Mar 1785; married John SAMPLES, 29 Sep 1805; died 11 Dec 1828.
- +5 iv. **Sarah TRIMBLE**, born 1787, Augusta County, VA; died Jun 1853, Highland County, VA.
- +6 v. **John TRIMBLE**, born 1790; married Sarah WAYBRIGHT, 1812.
- +7 vi. **Susanna "Susan" TRIMBLE**, born 1792, Augusta County, VA; married Mathias BENSON, 23 Nov 1809, Pendleton County, VA; died aft 1850.
- +8 vii. **James TRIMBLE**, born 3 Feb 1795, Strait Creek area, Highland County, VA; married Catharine SEYBERT, 26 Feb 1819, Pendleton County, VA; died 21 Feb 1863, Strait Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- +9 viii. **Elizabeth TRIMBLE**, born 1797; married William B. BENSON, 17 Jul 1817, Pendleton County, VA.

James TRIMBLE and Elizabeth COLAW were married on 13 Aug 1818.^{10,13} **Elizabeth COLAW**^{3,14}, daughter of Frederick COLAW and Mary HUFFMAN, was born in 1790 in Pennsylvania.¹⁰

James TRIMBLE and Elizabeth COLAW had the following children:

- 10 i. **George A. TRIMBLE**^{3,7} was born in 1819.⁷
- 11 ii. **Ezekiel TRIMBLE**^{7,15} was born in 1821.¹⁰
- +12 iii. **Mary E. TRIMBLE**, born 1823; died 1905.

Second Generation

4. **Nancy TRIMBLE**^{16–17} (James-1) was born on 14 Mar 1785.^{7,18} She died on 11 Dec 1828; at the age of 43.^{7,18} She was buried in Samples Cemetery, Strait Creek, Highland County, VA.¹⁸

Nancy TRIMBLE and John SAMPLES were married on 29 Sep 1805.^{17,19} **John SAMPLES**^{20–24} was born on 7 Sep 1785 in Bath County, VA.^{25–30} Location: in Strait Creek area, Highland County, VA in 1804.⁹ Tithable: Pendleton County, later to become Highland County, VA in 1822 .³¹ Agriculture: in 1850 70 acres improved, 260 acres unimproved land; farm value \$3,000, machinery value \$65, livestock value \$760 in Highland County, VA³²

Occupation: Farmer between 1850 and 1860.²⁶⁻²⁷ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$3,000 in 1850.²⁶ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$250 in 1860.²⁷ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$3,000 in 1860.²⁷ Illness: Infirm in 1870.²⁸ He died on 29 Jan 1874; at the age of 88.^{19,33-34} Individual Note: May have been grandson to Samuel, who died in Augusta in 1776.¹⁹ He was buried in Samples Cemetery, Strait Creek, Highland County, VA.¹⁸

John SAMPLES and Nancy TRIMBLE had the following children:

- +13 i. **Susannah SAMPLES**, born 22 Dec 1805; married RUCKMAN, 1 Nov 1840; died 1852.
- 14 ii. **Agnes SAMPLES**^{17,19} was born on 16 Nov 1807.¹⁷ She died on 3 Sep 1808; at the age of 0.^{17,35} She was buried in Samples Cemetery, Strait Creek, Highland County, VA.³⁶
- +15 iii. **Elizabeth H. SAMPLES**, born 4 Jul 1809; married William C. TRIMBLE, 2 Jan 1838, Pendleton County, VA.
- +16 iv. **John SAMPLES**, born 30 Jan 1812; married , 29 Aug 1837; died 14 Aug 1852.
- +17 v. **James T. SAMPLES**, born 26 Dec 1814; married , 22 Sep 1837; died 14 May 1845.
- +18 vi. **Harriet SAMPLES**, born 30 Oct 1818; married Archibald R. SULLENBERGER, 11 May 1837; died 24 Sep 1855.
- 19 vii. **William M. SAMPLES**^{17,37} was born on 30 Oct 1818.^{17,19}
- 20 viii. **Isaac SAMPLES**^{17,19} was born on 31 Jan 1821.¹⁷ Property: Kentucky land grants, book 16, page 335, 24 1/2 acres Boeren county on 29 May 1845.¹⁷ He died on 11 Apr 1847; at the age of 26.^{17,19}
- +21 ix. **Elijah SAMPLES**, born 3 Dec 1823, Pendleton County, VA; married Harriet T. PULLIN, 23 Sep 1847, Highland County, VA; died 25 Dec 1902, Strait Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- +22 x. **Amos SAMPLES**, born 2 Apr 1825; married Naomi SNYDER, 17 Dec 1846, Pendleton County, VA.
- 23 xi. **Margaret SAMPLES**^{17,19} was born on 11 May 1827.¹⁷ She died on 29 Oct 1828; at the age of 1.^{17,35}

5. **Sarah TRIMBLE**³⁸⁻⁴⁰ (James-1) was born in 1787 in Augusta County, VA.^{7,39} She died in Jun 1853; at the age of 66 in Highland County, VA.^{5,41}

Joseph JONES³⁹⁻⁴¹, son of James H. JONES and Mary , was born in 1786 in New Jersey.³⁹ Agriculture: in 1850 owned 100 acres improved, 500 acres unimproved land; farm value \$3,000, machinery value \$15, livestock value \$650 in Highland County, VA³² Occupation: Farmer in 1850.³⁹ Property: owned real estate valued at \$3,000 in 1850.³⁹

Joseph JONES and Sarah TRIMBLE had the following children:

- +24 i. **Henry JONES**, married Sarah EAGLE, 18 Jun 1840, Pendleton County, VA.
- +25 ii. **John JONES**, born 1809, Pendleton County, VA; married Mary Susan FLEISHER, 21 Jun 1832, Pendleton County, VA; died bef Jul 1860.
- +26 iii. **James JONES**, born 6 Dec 1812, Pendleton County, VA; married Mary Ann BLAGG, 18 Apr 1839, Pendleton County, VA; died 28 Jul 1897, Braxton County, WV.
- +27 iv. **Mary JONES**, born 1817, Pendleton County, VA; married Addison M. MCCOY, 20 May 1837, Pendleton County, VA.
- +28 v. **Ruth JONES**, born 20 Jun 1820, Pendleton County, VA; married Joseph Burner HINER, 8 Sep 1842, Pendleton County, VA; died 28 Jul 1888, Monterey, Highland County, VA.
- +29 vi. **Margaret T. JONES**, born 7 Feb 1821, Pendleton County, VA; married Samuel Hiner BLAGG, 23 Jan 1854; died 20 Jan 1878, Doe Hill, VA.
- +30 vii. **Susan JONES**, born 1824, Pendleton County, VA; married Samuel HINER, 15 Oct 1840, Pendleton County, VA; died 16 Dec 1893, Fairfield, KS.
- 31 viii. **Joseph JONES**^{39,42} was born in 1827 in Pendleton County, VA.³⁹ Occupation: Farmer in 1850.³⁹ Education: Attended school within the past year in 1850.³⁹
- +32 ix. **Sarah E. JONES**, born 1831, Pendleton County, VA; married Andrew McClellan MASTERS, 18

Sep 1850, Highland County, VA; died 17 Apr 1870, McDowell area, Highland County, VA.

6. **John TRIMBLE**^{3,43} (James-1) was born in 1790.⁷ Location: moved to West Virginia .⁷

John TRIMBLE and Sarah WAYBRIGHT were married in 1812.⁴³ **Sarah WAYBRIGHT**⁴³, daughter of Martin WAYBRIGHT, was born (date unknown).

7. **Susanna "Susan" TRIMBLE**⁴⁴⁻⁴⁹ (James-1) was born in 1792 in Augusta County, VA.^{7,50-51} Agriculture: in 1850 owned 60 acres improved, 800 acres unimproved land; farm value \$6,000, machinery value \$70, livestock value \$1,345 in Highland County, VA³² Occupation: Farmer in 1850.⁵⁰ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$6,000 in 1850.⁵⁰ She died after 1850; at the age of 58.^{50,52} Occupation: Housekeeper in 1860.⁵¹ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$1,312 in 1860.⁵¹

Minister: Otho Wade in 1809 .⁵³ Susanna "Susan" TRIMBLE and Mathias BENSON were married on 23 Nov 1809 in Pendleton County, VA.⁵³⁻⁵⁴ **Mathias BENSON**^{53,55-57}, son of Mathias BENSON, died before 1850; .⁵⁸ Estate: in 1862 Listed 897 1/2 acres valued at \$2,712 .⁵⁹

Mathias BENSON and Susanna TRIMBLE had the following children:

- +33 i. **Matilda Jane BENSON**, married Noah W. STOUT, 4 Oct 1847, Highland County, VA.
- +34 ii. **Mary A. BENSON**.
- +35 iii. **Margaret BENSON**, born Jan 1811, Pendleton County, VA; died 13 Sep 1892, Jackson's River area, Highland County, VA.
- +36 iv. **Elizabeth L. BENSON**, born 1815, Pendleton County, VA; married Robert BOTKIN, 22 Jun 1841, Pendleton County, VA; died 25 Nov 1891, Monterey, Highland County, VA.
- +37 v. **Susan BENSON**, born 1821; married David W. GIBSON, 15 Feb 1842, Pendleton County, VA.
- +38 vi. **Isaac S. BENSON**, born 1824, Pendleton County, VA; married Mary , Harrison.
- +39 vii. **Caroline BENSON**, born 1826, Pendleton County, VA; married Adam GIVEN, 19 Jul 1853, Highland County, VA.
- +40 viii. **Lucinda "Lucy" BENSON**, born 1828, Pendleton County, VA; married James STEPHENSON, 4 Feb 1851.
- +41 ix. **William Wesley BENSON**, born 19 Apr 1834, Monterey, Highland County, VA; married Rebecca Adeliza BYRD, 30 May 1855, Highland County, VA; died 25 Jan 1896, Monterey, Highland County, VA.

8. **James TRIMBLE**^{3,8,60-68} (James-1) was born on 3 Feb 1795 in Strait Creek area, Highland County, VA.^{7,63,69-71} Tithable: Pendleton County, later to become Highland County, VA. in 1822 .³¹ Property: willed land by father James in 1824.³ Agriculture: in 1850 owned 300 acres improved, 800 acres unimproved land; farm value \$10,000, machinery value \$200, livestock value \$2,000 in Highland County, VA³² Occupation: Farmer between 1850 and 1860.^{8,61,63} Property: Owned real estate valued at \$10,000 in 1850.⁶¹ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$3,562 in 1860.⁶³ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$4,500 in 1860.⁶³ Property: Owned 2 slaves valued at \$1,500 in 1862.⁵⁹ Property: Owned 989 acres valued at \$5,150.90 in 1862.⁵⁹ Money at Interest: \$591 in 1862 .⁵⁹ Cash on Hand: \$70 in 1862 .⁵⁹ Agriculture: in 1862 Owned 31 cattle, horses, and mules valued at \$501 .⁵⁹ He died on 21 Feb 1863; at the age of 68 in Strait Creek area, Highland County, VA.^{8,72} Religion: Member of the Methodist Church.⁸ He was buried in Seybert

Chapel Cemetery, Strait Creek, Highland County, VA.^{8,73} Location: in Monterey District, Highland County, VA About 3 miles east of Monterey.⁶²

James TRIMBLE and Catharine SEYBERT were married on 26 Feb 1819 in Pendleton County, VA.⁷⁴ **Catharine SEYBERT**^{8,60-63,65-68,75}, daughter of George SEYBERT and Mary PICKLE, was born in 1788 in Pendleton County, VA.⁷⁶⁻⁷⁹ Occupation: Housekeeper in 1860.⁶³ Education: Listed as an adult unable to write in 1870.⁸⁰ She died in Aug 1875; at the age of 87.⁷³ Blind in one eye.⁸ Individual Note: Was a large woman.⁸ She was buried in Seybert Chapel Cemetery, Strait Creek, Highland County, VA.⁷³

James TRIMBLE and Catharine SEYBERT had the following children:

- +42 i. **William TRIMBLE**, born 1818, Strait Creek area, Pendleton County, VA; married Sarah HARPER, 26 Oct 1843, Pendleton County, VA; married Mary Jane A. HAMILTON, 1 Oct 1857, Highland County, VA; died 9 Mar 1880, Steam Valley.
- +43 ii. **James TRIMBLE**, born 1 Jul 1821, Pendleton County, VA; married Catharine J. HARPER, 1854; died 8 Sep 1911, Monterey, Highland County, VA.
- +44 iii. **John TRIMBLE**, born 3 Sep 1823, Pendleton County, VA; married Hannah H. HARPER, 6 Apr 1848; died 31 Aug 1916, Monterey District, Highland County, VA.
- 45 iv. **Elizabeth TRIMBLE**⁸¹ was born in 1824 in Pendleton County, VA.⁶¹
- +46 v. **Harvey TRIMBLE**, born 29 Oct 1826, Pendleton County, VA; married Elizabeth A. SEYBERT, 30 Nov 1849, Highland County, VA; died 15 Mar 1862.
- 47 vi. **George Washington TRIMBLE**^{61,63,82-83} was born in Feb 1830 in Pendleton County, VA.^{63,83-84} Education: Attended school within the past year in 1850.⁶¹ Occupation: Farmhand in 1860.⁶³ He died on 8 Jul 1862; at the age of 32 wound in Augusta County, VA.⁸⁵⁻⁸⁷ Individual Note: single.⁸³ He was buried in Seybert Chapel Cemetery, Strait Creek, Highland County, VA.⁷³
- +48 vii. **Henry Itson TRIMBLE**, born 21 Sep 1832, Strait Creek area, Pendleton County, VA; married Harriet B. HINER, 25 Nov 1891, Monterey District, Highland County, VA; married Lucinda J. MCCOY, 5 Sep 1858, Highland County, VA; died 25 May 1899, Strait Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- +49 viii. **Mary Ann TRIMBLE**, born 25 Sep 1834, Pendleton County, VA; married William Abner SIPE, 12 Feb 1866, Monterey, Highland County, VA; died 24 Dec 1922.

9. **Elizabeth TRIMBLE**^{7,88} (James-1) was born in 1797.⁷

Elizabeth TRIMBLE and William B. BENSON were married on 17 Jul 1817 in Pendleton County, VA.^{74,88} **William B. BENSON**⁸⁹⁻⁹⁰, son of Mathias BENSON, was born (date unknown).

12. **Mary E. TRIMBLE**^{3,7} (James-1) was born in 1823.⁷ She died in 1905; at the age of 82.⁷

Elihu HELMICK⁷ was born (date unknown).

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1. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 376.
2. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 108, 252.
3. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 81-82.
4. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 73, 275, 342.
5. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 299.
6. *New History of Highland County, VA* (1983), 88. name was originally Turnbull.
7. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 342.
8. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 88.
9. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 252.
10. Anna Margaret Wimer Rexrode Golladay, *Coler/Colaw Family in America* (Harrisonburg, VA: Park View Press, 1986), 224.
11. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 73.
12. Newspaper clipping, source unknown.
13. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 275, 342. 342 says 1811, 275 says 1818.
14. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 275.
15. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 81-82. Hezekiah.
16. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 331, 342.
17. Forest L. Samples family tree.
18. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 164.
19. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 331.
20. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 331, 387.
21. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 87B. not sure who 26 year old Elijah listed in household is; son Elijah is apparently listed on page 88A with wife Harriet.
22. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 183. also listed in household was 12 year old Sarah K. Trimble, possibly a relative of John's first wife.
23. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 186B. listed in son Elijah's household.
24. Highland County Death Records, 1871.
25. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 252, 331. 252 says from Kentucky.
26. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 87B.
27. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 183.
28. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 186B.
29. Forest L. Samples family tree. gives full date of 7 sep 1785.
30. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 164. 9 Sep 1785.
31. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 393.
32. 1850 Agricultural Census, Highland County, VA.
33. Forest L. Samples family tree. gives full date, 29 Jan 1874.
34. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 164. 27 Jan 1874.
35. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 331. died young.
36. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 163.
37. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 331. married in Allegheny County, WV. Had 13 children.
38. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 308, 342.
39. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 100A.
40. Highland County Death Records, 1870, 1888.

41. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 308.
42. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 308. married in West Virginia.
43. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 342, 346.
44. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264, 342. says Susanna Trimble.
45. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B. says Susan.
46. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 216. listed as Susan, only person in household, next door to son William W.
47. Highland County Death Records, 1891, 1892, 1896. S.; Susan.
48. *Recorder*, 3, 7 Feb 1896. Susan.
49. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records, 2, Register of Marriage, 1800-1852. Susanna Turnbull.
50. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B.
51. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 216.
52. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264. date given (1847) is incorrect as she is listed in 1850 census.
53. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records, 2, Register of Marriage, 1800-1852.
54. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264. gives year.
55. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264, 342.
56. Highland County Death Records, 1891, 1892, 1896. Matthew, Mathias.
57. *Recorder*, 3, 7 Feb 1896.
58. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B. not listed with wife in census; wife listed as owning the real estate.
59. Civil War Tax Record, Highland County, VA 1862.
60. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 332, 342.
61. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 88A.
62. *Recorder*, 18 Dec 1891.
63. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 238.
64. Civil War Tax Record, Highland County, VA 1862. listed as James Trimble sr.
65. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 333.
66. Highland County Death Records, 1880.
67. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 272.
68. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 778.
69. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 88. says Strait Creek, Pendleton County, VA.
70. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 88A. says Augusta County, VA.
71. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 127. 68 years, 18 days.
72. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 127. 21 Feb 1863.
73. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 127.
74. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records.
75. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 187A. listed in son-in-law William's household.
76. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 88A. listed as 62 years old.
77. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 238. says 72 years old.
78. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 187A. listed as 81 years old.
79. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 127. about 88 years.
80. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 187A.
81. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 88A. presumptive

82. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 342. says George W.
83. Highland County Death Records.
84. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 88A. listed as 22 years old.
85. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 342. says 1861, killed.
86. Highland County Death Records. 8 July.
87. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 127. 6 July 1862.
88. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264.
89. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264. says William B.
90. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 342. says William W.